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SUBJECT: DRC ELECTIONS: FATAKI RE-VOTE ON FOR TODAY, BALLOT
COLLECTION IN KINSHASA NEARLY COMPLETE

REF: A. KINSHASA 1677

[1](#)B. KINSHASA 1683

[1](#)1. (U) The Independent Electoral Commission (CEI) announced November 1 it had delayed by one day a scheduled re-vote in the distant Ituri District town of Fataki. The CEI had ordered a re-vote at 43 polling sites after a mob destroyed ballots and other material following the killing of two CEI workers October 30 (ref A). CEI spokesman Dieudonne Mirimo told us November 1 the vote was postponed by one day due to delays in transporting replacement materials to Fataki. Operations restarted November 2 and CEI officials said there have been no disturbances.

[1](#)2. (U) Ballot collection in Kinshasa is nearly complete despite some initial delays (ref B). Mirimo said voting material from the capital's 8,500 polling stations is being sent to a local compilation center where ballots and tally sheets will be tabulated and results posted. The CEI will publish results from each of the DRC's 189 electoral districts on a rolling basis as all results in that district are verified. Provisional presidential results are expected to be announced by the CEI no later than November 19.

[1](#)3. (U) One isolated incident of election-related violence has been reported in Equateur province. Radio Okapi reported that during the night of October 30, ten houses belonging to Kabila partisans were burned; no injuries were reported. The PPRD's executive secretary in the region accused Bemba partisans for the fires. MLC officials admitted some small incident occurred, but were awaiting an inquiry by the local district commissioner.

[1](#)4. (U) On October 31 the CEI opened registration for senatorial candidates. The new national senate will have 108 members and be elected indirectly by the new provincial assemblies. The CEI has scheduled election of senators for December 29. The new senate is to be installed January 28.
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